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SUBJECT:VISIT AND SPEECH BY PUERTO RICAN GOVERNOR

REF: STATE 208007, 210288; MEXICO 7959

1. JOSE CABRANES, DIRECTOR OF PUERTO RICO COMMONWEALTH
OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, HAS RAISED FOLLOWING POINTS AND
QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO GOVERNOR'S VISIT:

A. GOVERNOR WOULD APPRECIATE TENTATIVE SOUNDING OUT OF
GOM ON COURTESY CALLS ON PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND SECRETARY
RABASA ON NOVEMBER 7, 8, OR 9. WHILE LECTURE DATE OF
NOVEMBER 7 STILL HOLDS, NOVEMBER 14 IS AN ALTERNATE DATE,
AND IN THIS CASE GOVERNOR WOULD LIKE CALLS ON PRESIDENT
AND SECRETARY ON NOVEMBER 14, 15, OR 16.

B. GOVERNOR WOULD CALL ON AMBASSADOR IN SAME TIME FRAME.

C. GOVERNOR HOPES AMBASSADOR WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND HIS
LECTURE AS WELL AS A RECEPTION OR LUNCHEON GOVERNOR WOULD
HOST. HE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTIONS ON
APPROPRIATE WAY TO HOST MEXICAN OFFICIALS - RECEPTION OR
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D. WHILE RETAINING BARRA MEXICANA AS SPONSOR, PUERTO RICANS ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER SITE FOR LECTURE AS THEY REGARD BARRA MEXICANA CONFERENCE ROOM AS IN-ADEQUATE. THEY BELIEVE A UNIVERSITY SETTING WOULD BE ILL-ADVISED POLITICALLY, BUT WOULD PREFER SOME KIND OF ACADEMIC SETTING, SUCH AS A RESEARCH INSTITUTE OR ACADEMY, AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON MATTER.

2. CABRANES IS PLANNING TO VISIT MEXICO CITY OCTOBER 29 AND WILL DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR.

3. PUERTO RICANS WERE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF EMBASSY'S OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AND POSITION TAKEN ON GOVERNOR'S COURTESY CALLS IN YOUR 7959. KISSINGER

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